Indiana House of Representatives

News and Information

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

June 13, 2005

Media Office Democratic Caucus John Schorg, Director Statehouse, Room 157 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 1-800-382-9842 or 1-317-232-9621

Fax Number: 1-317-232-9792

PUBLIC HEARING SET TO DETERMINE ROAD FUNDING PRIORITIES

Indianapolis—State Reps. Sheila Klinker (D-Lafayette) and Joe Micon (D-West Lafayette) are hosting a public hearing to determine what Tippecanoe County residents believe should be the local funding priorities of the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT).

The meeting will be at 7 p.m., Monday, June 20 inside the West Lafayette Public Library, 208 W. Columbia, across from the Morton Community Center.

"INDOT officials recently told state senators and state representatives that funding would be limited for several projects," explained Klinker. "They asked lawmakers to determine future road-funding priorities in their respective districts. The projects receiving the highest priority ranking would be completed earlier than the others, depending on future federal and state funding."

"This decision to cut back on projects will affect more than 150 thousand people in Tippecanoe County alone," said Micon. "Rep. Klinker and I felt the public should have the opportunity to tell INDOT what projects should be completed and how important those roads are to the daily lives of Tippecanoe County residents. It also will give the citizens of our districts the chance to share their feelings with INDOT about the plans to cut road funding for our area."

Klinker and Micon have invited INDOT to send a representative to the public hearing. The state representatives also encouraged their legislative colleagues, mayors, and city and county elected officials as well as the general public to attend and participate in a non-partisan effort to secure information for these important projects.